

News Release

U of M Crookston Associate Professor Harouna Maiga Receives Award for Global Engagement

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Associate Professor Harouna Maiga, Ph.D., was named a recipient of the Award for Global Engagement for 2010, by the University of Minnesota. Maiga teaches in the Agriculture and Natural Resources Department at the U of M Crookston. An award ceremony was held on March 24, 2011, at the West Wing in the Campus Club in the Twin Cities.

The all-University Award for Global Engagement is given to faculty and staff members--active or retired--in recognition of outstanding contributions to global education and international programs in their field, discipline, or the University. In addition to honoring individual faculty and staff members, the award--by identifying excellence in global engagement and by recognizing outstanding work--serves as a resource to other faculty and staff.



Maiga joined the faculty at the U of M Crookston in January 2001. He teaches courses in animal science, livestock facilities and environmental systems, applied animal nutrition, dairy production, reproduction, forages, and animal systems management. Prior to coming to the Crookston campus, Maiga worked for the University of Minnesota Extension Service, Becker County, and the Pine to Prairie Cluster, Detroit Lakes, Minn. He earned a bachelor of science in animal sciences from Polytechnic Rural Institute of Mali (West Africa); a master's in animal science from University of Maine, Orono; a master's in agriculture economics from South Dakota State University, Brookings, S.D.; and his doctorate in animal science from South Dakota State University, Brookings, S.D.

"I am truly honored by this award, the 2010 Award for Global Engagement," Maiga says. "I would like to thank the Office of International Programs for making this award an opportunity for faculty to be engaged in international programming. The award will certainly help me do what I always want to do for my students; that is giving them the opportunity to learn abroad and to increase their international experience."

Maiga's experience includes serving on the University of Minnesota System wide - Global Spotlight Committee since 2009. He was a key organizer of the Mali Symposium on Applied Sciences (MSAS), Bamako, Mali (West Africa) in 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008, and 2010. He has presented scientific papers in 2004, 2006, 2008, and 2010. In 2010, Maiga invited Dr. Lyle Westrom and his wife, Susan, to MSAS to present a workshop on how to start an Agricultural Education program in Malian High schools. He has served as president of Maliwatch (Mali Scientific Diaspora) since 2009.

From 2002-06 he taught Agriculture Production classes and Extension Service Programming in 2002, 2002, 2006 at the Agricultural School of Mali (IPR). He was involved with France Agriculture Schools ESITPA of Rouen, and VetAgroSup of Clermont Ferrand, France in arranging collaborative agreements for academic programming. Memorandum of Understanding signed between UMC and these two schools. U of M, Crookston students (16) attended 10 days short course in France in spring 2010.

Other recipients of the award included James D. Neaton, professor in the School of Public Health and Claudia Parliament, professor in the College of Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources, both on the Twin Cities campus. Nominees must have been instrumental in promoting significant international education, institution building, or academic and global outreach programs. The award is sponsored by the Office of the Senior Vice President for System Academic Administration and administered by the Office of International Programs.

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*In the photo: Award for Global Engagement recipients: James D. Neaton, Harouna Maiga, and Claudia Parliament. Photo by Jennifer Schulz, Global Programs and Strategy Alliance, University of Minnesota.*

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